

PART I—Section 2.

NOTIFICATIONS

GENERAL

No. G. 25838—Geol. 57-18-20, dated 12th May 1920.

Under Section 38 of the Mysore Land Revenue Regulation, IV of 1888, and in modification of Government Notification No. G. 3119—Geol. 40-15-2, dated 5th September 1916 and subsequent amendments, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prescribe the following revised and consolidated rules, for the grant of Exploring and Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in the State.

2. The revised rules will come into force from the date of this Notification.

APPENDIX I.

Rules for the grant of Exploring and Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in the State of Mysore.

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1. In these Rules—

“The Government” means the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

“Person” includes any persons, syndicate, partnership or company.

“British Subjects” includes subjects of the Native States of India.

2. Exploring, prospecting, or mining for minerals shall not be carried on within the State of Mysore except under licenses or leases granted under these rules or with the special sanction of the Government.

I. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL.

3. No license or lease under these rules, will be granted to any person, nor will the transfer or assignment of any license or lease to any person be sanctioned unless such person holds a valid certificate of approval signed by the Director, Department of Geology, on behalf of Government.

4. Application for a certificate of approval shall be made to the Director, Department of Geology, in Form No. 1 hereto appended and shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 5 which shall not be returnable.

5. A certificate of approval will be valid only for the calendar year in which it is granted but may be renewed, at the discretion of Government, if forwarded to the Director, Department of Geology, before the close of the year for which it has been granted or renewed accompanied by an application for renewal and a fee of Re. 1.

6. No certificate of approval will be granted to any person who is not a British Subject or to any firm, company, or syndicate which is not fully and satisfactorily controlled by British Subjects.

II. EXPLORING LICENSES.

7. Persons desirous of exploring for minerals within the State of Mysore may obtain an exploring license on application to the Director, Department of Geology, by whom any license granted shall be signed on behalf of the Government.

8. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 10.

9. The application shall state the district in which it is desired to explore and each license granted shall ordinarily be valid for one district only. Government may refuse to grant a license to any person, in which event the fee shall be returned, or may, at their discretion, limit the area to which the license shall apply or specially exclude any mineral from the license.

10. Such license shall not authorise the licensee to mine or quarry, but he may turn up the surface of the land, dig trenches and sink pits to such depth and subject to such conditions as the Deputy Commissioner may permit.

11. No private or occupied lands and no lands over which exclusive mineral rights have been granted or may at any time during the currency of this license be granted to others may be entered upon or explored without the consent of the owner, occupier or possessor thereof.

12. Every license shall be in Form No. 2 hereto appended and shall be valid for one year. Such license shall confer no exclusive or preferential rights, but in considering rival claims for a prospecting license or mining lease, due regard will be had to operations conducted under cover of an exploring license.

13. Under exceptional circumstances, the Government of Mysore may confer on a licensee special protection in regard to any specified mineral or minerals during the whole or any portion of the term of his license. Such special protection shall be designed to secure to a bona fide worker a fair and reasonable area over which he shall be entitled to obtain a prospecting license or a mining lease as provided for hereunder and shall be conferred only in cases in which, in the opinion of Government, it would be unreasonable or undesirable to insist on the area for a prospecting license or a mining lease being selected at once.

14. The licensee shall be at liberty, subject to such restrictions as the Government may from time to time impose, to remove specimens or samples of minerals in reasonable quantities for the purpose of testing, but not for sale.

III. PROSPECTING LICENSES.

15. Applications for licenses to prospect for minerals within the territories of Mysore shall be made to the Director, Department of Geology, in Form No. 3 hereto appended.

16. Each application shall be in respect of a specified block of land not exceeding four square miles in area, which shall be, as far as possible, in the shape of a rectangle of which the length must not under ordinary circumstances exceed twice the breadth.

17. The Government reserve to themselves the power of refusing to grant a prospecting license in respect of any block without assigning a reason or to impose such special terms as they may in their absolute discretion think desirable.

18. Every prospecting license granted under these rules will be in Form No. 4 appended hereto and will be valid for one year, but the Government may at their discretion sanction the renewal of any license from year to year on payment, in advance, of the annual rent in accordance with the scale laid down in Rule 22 and on payment of any enhanced deposit as provided for in Rule 22. Ordinarily three such renewals will be sanctioned if there is reason to believe that serious work is being done and that a valuable mineral deposit has not been sufficiently located. Whenever a fourth renewal is desired special reasons must be given.

19. Every application must be accompanied by—

(a) A sheet, extract or correct tracing of the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore (scale 1 inch to a mile) or of the village maps prepared by the Revenue Survey Department (scale 8 inches to a mile) upon which the boundaries of the block for which a license is required have been clearly marked.

(b) A schedule giving the names of the villages included (either wholly or partly) in the prospecting block together with the taluk and district in which they are situated and stating the area of the block in square miles.

(c) A schedule stating the mineral or minerals in respect of which the license is applied for.

(d) A fee of Rs. 25 for one square mile or portion thereof and Rs. 5 for each additional square mile or portion of a square mile.

20. On receipt of any application, the Director, Department of Geology, will, if the Government decide to grant a license, inform the applicant of the amount of the rent and the deposit due thereon and of any special terms which they may consider desirable to impose. Within such time as may be fixed in each case, the applicant shall pay the amount of the rent and deposit specified and such payment shall be held to involve the acceptance of any special terms of which the applicant has been informed.

The applicant may be required to point out the boundaries of the block applied for or to submit village maps upon which the boundaries of the block are shown.

21. The rent payable in respect of a license shall be not less than one anna and not more than one rupee per acre of the area granted. In the event of the renewal of a license, the rent payable will be one anna per acre over and above the rent paid for the current year, during which application for renewal is made. Provided that the total rent shall not exceed one rupee per acre of the area.

22. The deposit payable in respect of a license shall be at the rate of Rs. 100 per square mile or portion thereof of the area granted. This deposit shall be held as security for the due fulfilment of the provisions of these rules and of the terms of the license and, subject to any deductions in this respect, shall be returnable to the licensee after the termination of the license. In the event of a renewal of a license being applied for, Government may, at their discretion, demand a further deposit for each or any period of renewal.

23. The block of land over which the prospecting license is granted need not be surveyed and demarcated; but, in the event of any doubt or dispute arising as to the boundaries of the block or whenever in the opinion of the Director, Department of Geology, a survey is necessary or desirable, he shall order the survey and demarcation of the block to be made either with or without an application for the same from the licensee, and the licensee shall pay the expenses of the survey and demarcation. The boundaries of the block of land for which a prospecting license has been granted shall be marked on the map attached to the license which will show the approximate positions of village boundaries and survey numbers comprised within the block. The area of the block will agree as far as possible with that applied for by the applicant under Rule 16, but will be definitely determined by the survey numbers (wholly or partly) included within the area as shown on the map attached to the license. In the event of any doubt or dispute in regard to the boundaries and demarcation of the block, the decision of the Director, Department of Geology, shall be final.

24. Until the license is signed by the Director, Department of Geology, the applicant shall not be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of a licensee.

25. If the applicant neglects to comply with the preceding rules or fails to pay the rent and deposit within the time prescribed under Rule 20 or declines to accept a license which has been offered to him under Rule 20, his application shall be cancelled and the fee paid therewith forfeited to Government except as provided under Rule 27.

26. If the applicant withdraws his application before the orders of Government thereon are communicated to him, the fee paid therewith under Rule 19 shall be forfeited to Government.

27. If the license is refused under Rule 17 or if the applicant within such time as may be fixed under Rule 20 declines to accept any special terms of which he has been informed, his application shall be cancelled and the fee received therewith shall be returned to him.

28. The licensee will be entitled to select for mining purposes, any time during the currency of his license, a block of land, not exceeding one-eighth part of the area specified in the license (subject to the limits of shape and size prescribed in Schedule B) and to obtain a mining lease of the block so selected in respect of any mineral or minerals (with the exception of precious stones and alluvial minerals) specified in his license in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the rules contained herein. Provided that no person shall be entitled to obtain mining leases over a total area, within the State, of more than five square miles of which not more than two square miles shall be in respect of gold. The licensee shall not be entitled to obtain leases or to transfer or assign rights to others if the effect of doing so would lead to an infringement of this proviso. And provided also that the Government may altogether exclude from the mining lease any portion of the selected block which is, in the opinion of Government, required for any public purpose the fruition of which would be impaired by the development of mining operations. It is desirable for the licensee to ascertain before incurring any considerable expenditure on prospecting work whether any land, which, he may require for mining purposes is subject to any restrictions or is freely available for such purposes.

In the case of precious stones and alluvial minerals, the holder of a prospecting license will be entitled to a mining lease upon the special terms, if any, provided in his license; and in the event of there being no such special provisions, to the first refusal of such mining lease as the Government may decide to grant.

As soon as a mining lease has been granted under this rule the prospecting license shall immediately cease and determine.

29. If the licensee discovers any mineral of value within the area specified in his license, he shall immediately report the discovery to the Director, Department of Geology. Failure to comply with this provision will render the license liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited. If the mineral so reported is not one of those in respect of which the license has been granted, the licensee may apply to the Director, Department of Geology, to have the said mineral added to those already specified in his license and it shall be within the discretion of Government to accede to or refuse the request or to impose such special terms as they may think fit. As a rule and under ordinary circumstances such requests will be complied with, provided that the rights sought to be secured in respect of the mineral applied for, are freely at the disposal of Government.

Provided that if any mineral of value is known to occur on or within the area of a prospecting license the Government may, at their discretion give the licensee the option of having such mineral added to those specified in the Schedule to his license or grant a prospecting license or mining lease in respect of such mineral to any person. As a rule and in the absence of specified reasons no prospecting or mining rights will be granted to more than one person on the same block.

30. A prospecting license shall not be assigned nor any right or interest thereunder transferred without the consent in writing of the Government. The application for such consent must be made by the licensee himself or by his legal representative and the license itself must be forwarded to the Director, Department of Geology, with the application together with a draft or document setting forth fully and clearly the terms of the proposed assignment or transfer. If Government decide to consent to the transfer, the Director, Department of Geology, shall inform the licensee to that effect and the licensee shall, within such period as may be specified by the Director, Department of Geology, have the document duly stamped and registered and shall forward a certified copy of the same to the Director, Department of Geology, who shall thereupon endorse upon the license the consent of Government to the transfer and return the license to the licensee. Until the license has been so endorsed no assignment or transfer of rights shall be valid.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule will render the license liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

31. If the licensee desires the renewal of a prospecting license, he shall apply for a renewal and shall forward the license together with the amount of the rent payable for one year to the Director, Department of Geology, not less than two months before the date on which the license terminates.

32. Within three months after the date on which a license has expired the licensee shall forward the license to the Director, Department of Geology, and shall, at the same time, apply for the refund of the deposit; failing which, the deposit will be liable to be forfeited.

IV. MINING LEASES.

33. Applications for mining leases within the territories of Mysore shall be made to the Director, Department of Geology, in Form No. 5 appended hereto.

34. Every application shall be in respect of a specified block of land the shape and dimensions of which shall conform, ordinarily, to the limits set forth in Schedule B hereto annexed. The boundaries of the mining block shall be considered to run vertically downward towards the centre of the earth.

In the case of precious stones or alluvial deposits the area to be granted under a mining lease will be determined in each case by the Government.

35. Every mining lease granted under these rules will be in Form No. 6 appended hereto and will be, in the case of gold, for a period not exceeding twenty years with a right to the renewal for a further period of twenty years and in the case of other minerals for a period not exceeding ten years in the first instance with a right to a renewal for a further period of ten years, the renewal in each case being under the rules that may be in force at the time of each renewal—

36. Every application must be accompanied by—

(a) A fee of Rs. 100.

(b) A sheet, extract or correct tracing of the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore (scale, 1 inch to a mile) upon which the boundaries of the block applied for have been clearly marked.

(c) A schedule giving the names of the villages to which the lands comprised within the block belong, with the taluk and district in which each is situated.

(d) A schedule specifying the mineral or minerals in respect of which the mining lease is applied for.

37. The Director, Department of Geology, will submit to the Government every application received unless the area required has already been disposed of or otherwise reserved in which case he will inform the applicant. In other cases, the Director will before submitting the application to Government ascertain from the Deputy Commissioner whether the area applied for is free or subject to any restrictions other than those provided for in the form of lease appended to these Rules. If the Government decide to grant a lease the Director will inform the applicant of their decision and of the special terms if any, which they may consider desirable to impose and the applicant shall within one month of receiving this information, deposit with the Director, Department of Geology, a sum of Rs. 1,000 as security for the due fulfilment of the provisions of these rules and of the terms of the lease. Subject to any deductions in these respects the deposit will be returnable to the lessee after the termination of the lease.

38. If Government decline to grant a lease or if the applicant declines to accept any special terms which may be imposed, the fee of Rs. 100 paid with the application will be returned.

39. If the applicant neglects to comply with the preceding rules or fails to pay the deposit within the time prescribed under Rule 37 or declines to accept a lease which has been offered to him under Rule 37, his application shall be cancelled and the fee paid therewith forfeited to Government except as provided under Rule 38.

40. If the applicant withdraws his application before the orders of Government thereon are communicated to him, the fee paid therewith under Rule 36 shall be forfeited to Government.

41. The applicant may be required to point out to an officer deputed for the purpose by the Director of Geology, the boundaries of the block of land applied for or to submit village maps upon which the boundaries of the block have been marked, within a fortnight of the date on which he may receive an intimation to that effect or within such longer period as may be fixed by the Director, Department of Geology, and the officer so deputed shall thereupon survey the block and erect or cause to be erected such boundary marks as may be requisite.

42. If in the opinion of the Director of Geology a survey and demarcation of the mining block, is necessary he may order the same to be carried out either before or after the issue of the lease and the lessee shall pay, within one month of receiving a bill therefor, the

expenses of the survey and demarcation. In the event of any doubt or dispute arising as to the boundaries of the block as shown on the map attached to the lease the decision of Government shall be final and shall be accepted by the lessee.

43. After completion of all necessary enquiries, surveys, etc., a form of the lease to be executed will be sent to the applicant, who shall, within a month of receiving such communication, tender for execution by the Dewan of Mysore the lease executed by himself and duly stamped, paying at the same time the cost of the survey and demarcation.

44. The applicant's title to the land applied for will not be complete until the lease has been actually executed by the Dewan.

45. The lease shall, after execution, be registered by both parties under the law for the time being in force for the registration of assurances, and shall, within one month of the date of registration, be forwarded by the lessee for information and record to the Director, Department of Geology, who will return it to the lessee after noting its contents.

46. If the lessee discovers any mineral of value within the area specified in his lease, he shall immediately report the discovery to the Director, Department of Geology. If the mineral so reported is not one of those in respect of which the lease has been granted, the lessee may apply to the Director, Department of Geology, to have the said mineral added to those already specified in his lease and it shall be within the discretion of Government to accede to or refuse the request or to impose such special terms as they may think fit. As a rule and under ordinary circumstances such requests will be complied with provided that the rights sought to be secured in respect of the mineral applied for are freely at the disposal of Government.

Provided that if any mineral of value is known to occur on or within the mining block, Government, at their discretion, may give the lessee the option of having such mineral added to those specified in the schedule to his lease or may grant a prospecting license or mining lease in respect of such mineral to any other person. As a rule, however, and in the absence of special reasons, prospecting or mining rights will not be granted to more than one person on the same block.

47. The lessee shall not assign his lease or transfer any right or interest thereunder to a person except with the previous consent of the Government in writing. No such assignment or transfer will, under ordinary circumstances, be sanctioned which would result in the possession by any person of mining leases under these rules over a total area of more than five square miles of which not more than two square miles shall be in respect of gold.

48. The lessee in applying to Government, for permission to transfer or assign the lease shall report to Government the name and financial position of the assignee and also submit for approval a draft of the proposed deed of assignment. When the Government has communicated its assent to the transfer and to the deed of assignment, the deed of assignment or document of transfer shall be duly stamped and registered in accordance with the laws in force in the State of Mysore at the time and a certified copy thereof deposited with the Director, Department of Geology, within three months of the date of execution thereof.

49. Failure to comply with the preceding rules will render the application or lease liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

V. GENERAL.

50. The royalties payable to Government in respect of minerals worked under a prospecting license or mining lease are set forth in Schedule A hereto. The rates are liable to alteration from time to time, due notice of which will be published in the official gazette.

51. The Government will require the strict performance of the provisions and conditions contained in any prospecting license or mining lease providing for the proper prospecting or mining of the land comprised therein.

52. The Government reserve to themselves the power to enter upon the area of any prospecting license or mining lease and conduct prospecting and mining operations thereon in respect of minerals or other substances other than those specified in the schedule attached to the prospecting license or mining lease and also to carry out works of public utility, due compensation being paid for any interference with prospecting or mining rights or any loss or damage caused to the holder of such rights. As a rule powers hereby reserved will not ordinarily be exercised to the disadvantage of the licensee or lessee.

53. Topo sheets of Mysore marked with areas granted for prospecting and mining are kept at the office of the Director, Department of Geology, and may be inspected by the public on payment of a fee of one rupee per sheet.

54. Persons desirous of having their own topo sheets or other maps of Mysore marked with areas granted for prospecting and mining may apply to the Director, Department of Geology, for the same. A fee of four annas will be charged for each block marked.

55. A licensee desirous of securing a copy of his prospecting license may apply to the Director, Department of Geology, for the same, stating the purpose for which the

copy is required. The Director may, if satisfied with the reasons assigned, issue a duplicate copy of the license on payment of a fee of Rs. 10.

56. The rules for the conduct of prospecting and mining operations in forest lands are printed for information in the appendix hereto.

57. Prospecting licences and mining leases, while conveying exclusive rights to specified minerals over definite blocks, specifically debar the licensee or lessee from entering upon or mining beneath the surface of any private or occupied lands within such blocks without previously acquiring the surface rights or obtaining the consent in writing of the owner or occupier. If the terms upon which the consent of the owner or occupier of such lands can be obtained are in the opinion of Government unreasonable and likely to hinder or unduly restrict the exercise of their rights to the mineral by Government or by any person acquiring such rights from Government, the lands in question, may, at the absolute discretion of Government, be acquired in accordance with Section 38 of the Land Revenue Code.

SCHEDULE A.

ROYALTIES.

(Subject to alteration by Notification in the Mysore Gazette.)

(a) Royalty on gold and silver.

(1) No royalty shall be paid so long as the operations in connection with the mining block do not result in any net profits to the lessee.

(2) For each calendar year in which the operations result in a balance of net profit to the lessee, the rate of royalty shall be 5 per cent of the gross sale value of the gold and silver.

(3) For each calendar year for which the net profits exceed the sum of £25,000, the lessee shall pay an additional royalty of 5 per cent of all net profits in excess of £25,000.

Provided that in the case of the lessee being a duly registered company, the words "divisible profits" may at the discretion of the lessors be substituted for "net profits" in this clause.

(4) When more than one mining lease is held by one lessee the additional royalty of 5 per cent on divisible profits shall be calculated on the divisible profits from each lease or on the total divisible profits from all the leases whichever is more convenient.

NOTE.—"Net profits" shall be taken to mean the excess of the revenue which is wholly derived from the sale of the mineral or minerals specified over expenditure after all costs and expenses chargeable to the actual working and management of the mine shall have been included. But neither depreciation nor amortization, nor Director's fees, nor any revenue or expenditure obtained or incurred on account of share or capital transactions, or by trading shall be brought into account, provided that the fees of such Director, or Directors as may actually direct technical operations and are specifically denoted as Managing Director or Directors may be included in the expenditure.

"Divisible profits" shall be declared dividends and bonuses or other payments made out of net profits to or on behalf of the share-holders and interest on debentures.

(b) Royalty on chrome, magnesite and manganese ores.

(1) The royalty shall be payable quarterly.

(2) On all ores despatched, during any quarter, royalty shall be paid within ninety days of the close of the quarter and shall be calculated as follows:—

Five per cent of the sale value of the ore on the mining block convertible annually or for a fixed term, at the option of Government, into an approximately equivalent charge per ton, subject to the following minimum charges:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Chrome ore	1	0	0 per ton.
Raw magnesite	0	10	0
Calcined magnesite	1	4	0
Dead burnt magnesite	1	8	0
Manganese ore	0	10	0
Manganese ore containing not more than 44 per cent of manganese on production of satisfactory certificates of grade of shipment	0	6	0
On crude china clay	0	12	0
On kaolin washed or prepared from china clay	1	8	0

(c) *Royalty on precious stones.*
Thirty per cent of the net profits of each year taken separately.

(d) *Royalty on all other minerals not specified above.*
Five per cent on the sale value at the pit's mouth or on surface of the dressed ore or metal, convertible at the option of the lessors to an equivalent charge per ton to be fixed annually or for a term.

SCHEDULE B.

Shape and maximum limits of blocks to be granted under Mining Leases.

All blocks shall be, as far as reasonably possible, rectangular in shape and the length of a block shall ordinarily not exceed twice its breadth.

The maximum dimensions of a block shall be ordinarily—
For Gold Ores 1 mile long by $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile wide and not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile along the strike of the vein or formation.

For Iron and Manganese Ore $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile long by $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile wide.

For all other ordinary minerals $\frac{1}{8}$ of a square mile.

For precious stones and detrital or alluvial Limits to be specially determined in each case. deposits (including alluvial gold).

NOTE.—The foregoing limits are published for guidance of the public and to define the maximum dimensions of a mining block claimable by a licensee under the terms of his Prospecting License. Applicants are not debarred from proposing relaxation of these limits in virtue of special circumstances arising out of the shape or distribution of mineral deposits or on account of adjacent occupied or reserved areas but the acceptance of such proposals will remain at the absolute discretion of Government.

APPENDIX.

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PROSPECTING AND MINING OPERATIONS IN FOREST LANDS.

*Notification by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.*

No. R. 10777—Ft. 81-08-6, dated 21st June 1909, and No. R. 9048—Ft. 43-14-14,
dated 22nd March 1916.

EXPLORING LICENSES.

1. The holder of an exploring license shall obtain from the District Forest Officer permission to enter upon and explore for minerals in any forest lands within the area to which the license applies.

2. Such permission will ordinarily be freely granted, but will not entitle the licensee to cut or injure any forest growth or to dig or turn up the surface of the land to a greater depth than three feet and the licensee must, before leaving the locality, fill up any excavations which he may have made, to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer.

3. Should the licensee desire to make trenches or sink pits to a depth greater than three feet, he must obtain the sanction of the District Forest Officer in each case and pay compensation at the rate provided hereunder for any forest growth which may be injured or destroyed and shall undertake to fill up all excavations to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer.

PROSPECTING LICENSES AND MINING LEASES.

4. No prospecting license or mining lease shall ordinarily be granted in forest lands except with the sanction of the Conservator of Forests.

Prospecting and mining operations will generally not be permitted in plantations, coupes which have been worked over and in tracts containing specially valuable growth of sandal, teak or other species of trees.

5. Before commencing any prospecting or mining operation in any forest lands, the licensee or lessee or his duly authorized agent or representative shall give notice to the District Forest Officer of his intention to do so, and shall, at the same time, forward to the District Forest Officer a statement of the area or areas proposed to be operated upon and their dimensions and a sketch map on a suitable scale showing the said area or areas and their

relative positions and shall deposit with the District Forest Officer the amount of compensation due on the said area or areas calculated in accordance with Rule 9. Each area to be operated upon, except such as may be required for a railway, tramway, road or foot-path, shall be in the form of a rectangle, of which no side shall be less than 10 yards long, and shall be defined by cairns of stones. Each area shall be distinguished by a letter of the alphabet in the abovementioned statement and map.

A consolidated statement and a complete map shall be maintained up to date and kept on the prospecting or mining block by the person in charge of the operations.

6. In any prospecting or mining block, the total area which may be operated upon or cleared of forest shall not exceed 25 acres except with the permission in writing of the District Forest Officer and no railway, tramway, road or foot-path shall be made without such permission. Such permission will be granted from time to time in each case for an area not exceeding 25 acres on the application of the licensee or lessee, provided that the additional area is required for the *bona fide* extension of prospecting or mining operations.

The areas operated upon shall include all those the surfaces of which have been opened up by means of pits, trenches or other excavations or covered with earth, stones, debris, machinery, buildings, etc., or upon which the forest growth has been injured or destroyed, or over which any railway, tramway, road or foot-path has been made.

7. In the case of all buildings, machinery or other structures erected upon the block and in the case of every place where fire or lights are used at any time or round any working or dwelling place where the District Forest Officer considers it to be necessary for safety, the forest growth shall be cleared for a distance of 10 feet round the limits of such structure or place to such extent as the District Forest Officer may require.

8. As soon as possible after the receipt of the statement and map referred to in Rule 5, the District Forest Officer shall prepare a bill for the amount of compensation due at the rates specified hereunder and after crediting the amount deposited under Rule 5, shall adjust or require the licensee or lessee to adjust any balance as may be necessary. In default of payment the District Forest Officer may, at his discretion, stop all further operations and take steps to recover the amount due as a revenue demand.

In the event of any area not included in the map and statement required by Rule 5, being found to have been operated upon, the District Forest Officer may, at his discretion, stop all further operations and recover compensation for the same at double the rates provided hereunder.

9. The licensee or lessee shall—

(a) Pay a lump sum compensation for damage and disfigurement of the surface on all areas operated upon or cleared, at the following rates:—

(1) In (State Forests, reserved lands (or in) District Forests which have been specially brought within the scope of these rules. (i) Rs. 100 per acre for high and pole forests. (ii) Rs. 50 per acre for other forests, including scrub.

(2) For railways and tramways, and for roads on which traction engines are used, at the foregoing rates.

(3) For ordinary cart-tracks and foot-paths, at the rate of Rs. 25 per mile.

(b) Undertake not to cut sandalwood except with permission of the Forest Department and on payment of an extra charge to be fixed by the Conservator.

(c) Make over to the Forest Department all the trees felled in the area operated upon.

N.B.—The decision of the Conservator of Forests as to whether any particular forest is high, pole or scrub shall be final.

10. The licensee or lessee shall not fell, girdle or lop any tree outside the area or areas shown and described in the map and statement referred to in Rule 5.

11. Nothing in the foregoing rules shall be taken to exempt the licensee or lessee or his employees from liability in respect of any forest offence punishable under the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900.

FORM No. 111

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL.

ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR.

Dated _____

To _____

THE DIRECTOR,

Department of Geology, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that a Certificate of Approval under the rules contained in Notification No. _____ dated _____ may be granted to me, to enable me to acquire exploring and prospecting licenses and mining leases under the said Rules.

I note hereunder particulars in regard to my qualifications.

The fee of Rs. 5 payable in respect of this application has been paid into the Treasury and the duplicate of the receipt obtained therefor is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

1. Name of the applicant in full.
2. Birth-place.
3. Whether British Subject or not.
4. Occupation.
5. Address.

(NOTE.—If the applicant is a Company, Syndicate, partnership or a private firm, its name and nature and place of business, should be mentioned.)

6. Mineral or minerals in which the applicant is specially interested.
7. Mining experience, if any, possessed by the applicant.

Reference to Certificates of approval, if any, granted to the applicant by any other Government or Administration.

9. Evidence as to the financial ability of the applicant to carry on satisfactory work.
10. Other particulars which the applicant wishes to state.

Signature of Applicant.

FORM No. 1A.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY.

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Certificate of Approval granted under the rules contained in Notification

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This is to certify that.....

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is approved as a "Person" who is qualified to acquire Exploring and Prospecting and Mining Leases in the State of Mysore, under the rules contained in Government Notification No.....dated.....192

This certificate shall be valid only up to the 31st December 192

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